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The Connecticut Education Association supports Raised Bill #5870 'An Act Concerning Minor changes to the Education Statutes'. This legislation clarifies previous legislation that was passed by the legislature. We would ask that it also clarify the fact that local school board members can be placed on Charter School boards immediately, which reflects the intent of the legislation passed last year. It appears that Achievement First has found what it believes is a technical flaw and is refusing to allow school board members on its Charter School Board of Directors.

The Connecticut Education Association opposes Raised Bill #610 'An Act Concerning a Grant to a Tax Exempt Organization with a Mission to Reduce Cultural, Socioeconomic and Racial Isolation in the Educational System'. This proposed legislation is vague with money possibly being used for private school vouchers.

The Connecticut Education Association supports the concepts housed in Raised Bill #649 'An Act Concerning School Learning Environment'. We are cautious about a specific entity being named in legislation for the purpose of training and child development. We also agree that bullying should be no where in the public school arena, but we are concerned about the micro oversight that this bill mandates.

The Connecticut Education Association opposes Raised Bill #612 'An Act Concerning School Business Administrators'. This bill could have a considerable impact on the State Teachers Retirement Fund and would allow non-certified teachers into the fund, which would be historic and could lead to other non-certified teachers applying for membership.

If the legislation were modified to limit School Business Administration that hold a teaching certificate, our objection would possible be moot.

Thank you for your consideration.